

NEWS RELEASE

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Man convicted at trial, sent to prison for 2011 attempted murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury found Megael Jermaine Matthews, 22, guilty of attempted first-degree murder and other offenses in connection with a 2011 shooting. The trial, which began April 15, 2013, was held in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards, Superior Court Judge.

Matthews was tried for 1) attempted first-degree murder, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 3) discharging a firearm into occupied property inflicting serious bodily injury and 4) six counts of discharging a firearm into occupied property while in operation. On April 22, 2013, the jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Edwards sentenced Matthews to 198-257 months in prison.

In April 2011, Matthews met the victim on Christenbury Hills Lane in Charlotte and sold marijuana to the victim. The victim paid for the drugs with a fake \$100 bill and drove away. Matthews then fired several gunshots at the victim's car, striking the victim in the back. Police found the victim near the intersection of West Sugar Creek and Hubbard roads, where he'd crashed his vehicle.

The injuries caused by Matthews left the victim paralyzed in his arms and legs and unable to communicate.

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